

REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the interview provided by Examiner Hoang on November 17, 2004 and the supplemental interview on November 18, 2004. During the interviews, the Examiner indicated that claim 28 includes allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the Examiner suggested that if claim 28 and all of the claims from which it depends, including claims 24-27, are incorporated into claim 18, claim 18 would be allowable.

In the supplemental interview, the Examiner noted that a change to the specification is required. Applicants note that this particular amendment to the specification was submitted in an Amendment on January 20, 2004. However, the January 20, 2004 Amendment erroneously referenced page "8", rather than page 18. The presently submitted proposed Amendment corrects this error.

Examiner's Amendment

Applicants authorize the Examiner to enter the Amendments as provided above on the condition that these Amendments put the case in condition for allowance. By the currently proposed Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5-17, 24-28, 31-38, 40, 42-55 would be canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 18 and 29 would be amended.

Status of Claims

Upon entry of the proposed amendment, all of claims 1-17, 23-28, and 31-55 will have been canceled. Claims 18-22, 29, and 30 will be pending and in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

As set forth above, applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that this application be allowed and passed to issue.

Should however any issues remain prior to issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned to resolve the same. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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